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A previous report\* contained information on illegal shipments of goods and transactions by Soviet and German offices between the Soviet Zone and the Western Zones of Germany. [REDACTED]

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1. In mid-January 1950, [REDACTED] in an office of the Berlin Industry and Commerce Bureau (BIHK), a telephone conversation held in German with an unidentified office in Berlin, presumably a Soviet office. The BIHK informed the other office that steel cylinders with "Freon II and III" arrived from Western Germany. It was overheard that this other office said that "Freon I" was not required \*\*.

2. In mid-March 1950, it was learned that Willy Hain, one of the most prominent associates of the BIHK, upon his return from a trip to Western Germany on 10 March 1950, talked with Maj. Boldyrev, up to that time with the industry section of the Berlin Central Komendatura, and with an unidentified civilian. Hain reported that an order for the annual demand in "Freon", amounting to 38.8 tons of "Leon 1222" and "Freon 13", was placed with the I.G. Farben firm in Hoechst (L 51/L 56). The production of "Freon 13" was not completed. 12.3 tons of "Freon" were scheduled to arrive in Berlin in late March 1950. The required steel cylinders were ordered from the Mannesmann Firm in Duesseldorf (K 52/F 39), with the understanding that the steel cylinders were not to have any inscription as to contents. The necessary formalities for the exportation of the "Freon" were to be handled by.

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August Flohr, a member of the Communist Party of Germany, who has reliable middlemen in Hoechst, by the Mannesmann Firm and several other offices which were not named. The forwarding certificates were to be procured by a high official in the Ministry of Economy of North Rhine - Westphalia \*\*\*

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[REDACTED] not positive about the term "Fleon". The name, at any rate, had a similar sound but was definitely not "Neon".

\*\*\* This measure is necessary because the exportation of "Freon" to the Soviet Zone of Germany is forbidden.

Field Comment:

a. Of the persons mentioned, only Willy Hein, 2 Scharnhorststrasse, Berlin, is known.

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b. [REDACTED], "Freon" is a dichloride fluormethane- $\text{CCl}_2\text{F}_2$ , a liquid which, like aethylchloride or methylchloride, is known as a cooler for refrigerators and cooling installations. On occasion such compounds were also given as subsidiaries in conjunction with the manufacture of chemical agents.

c. It is not possible to definitely rate the credibility of the information. It is also not known whether the exportation of "Freon" into the Soviet Zone of Germany is prohibited.

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